

**Montgomery County Commission on Aging
Executive Committee Meeting, September 15, 2016
Minutes**

Noelle called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

In attendance

Committee members: Noelle Heyman, Isabelle Schoenfeld, Stephanie Edelstein, Tammy Duell (by phone), Charles Kauffman, Rudy Oswald

Staff: Odile Brunetto, Director, Area Agency on Aging (AAA).

Member of the public: Chris Hodges

The minutes from the August, 2016 meeting were previously distributed and approved.

Chair's Report – Noelle Heyman.

The County Council HHS Committee will hold its annual meeting on October 19, 2016, from 8:00 – 10:30 am. The Public Policy Committee will draft a statement of CoA priorities, and Isabelle will represent on behalf of the CoA. All are welcome to attend the October 19th meeting at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville.

A memorial service for long-time advocate and friend Sarah Gotbaum will be held on October 2, 2016 at noon at Veterans Plaza. All members should have received an email with more details.

AAA Director's Report – Dr. Odile Brunetto.

The Age Friendly Montgomery Advisory Group (which includes the former Senior Subcabinet) meeting previously scheduled for September 28, 2016 has been cancelled and not yet rescheduled. AF workgroups have been meeting to develop their three goals, plus action plans and anticipated outcomes, for inclusion in the AF strategic plan. The Communications workgroup will meet on September 26.

OMB has decided to maintain the FY17 approved AF Senior Fellow (11 hours/week) position as a Senior Fellow for FY17. Recruitment will get started.

The Volunteer Money Management Program is going to be discontinued because there is no longer liability coverage for the volunteers. Insurance had been provided by AARP Foundation in prior years. The program, operated by The Senior Connection, depends on volunteers helping low income older adults with bill paying and some basic money management. The program currently serves 20 people, and HHS is looking for other ways to assist these clients. This is different from the Volunteer Representative Payee Program operated by the Mental Health Association.

The County Attorney's office has reviewed the CoA draft by-laws and drafted a memo of edits and recommendations dated August 5, 2016. Odile received the memo yesterday and sent it to the executive committee to review.

Nominating Committee and Succession Planning

Noelle appointed a nominating committee for 2017 officers. The committee includes Judy Levy, Chuck Kauffman, and Rudy Oswald.

As discussed last month, eight CoA members, including a number of committee co-chairs, will complete their second terms at the end of 2016. They are Paul Del Ponte, Tammy Duell, Miriam Kelty, Barbara Multz, Grace Whipple, Chuck Kauffman, Rudy Oswald, and Judy Levy. Committee co-chair positions will turn over in January as co-chairs step down or move to different committees. We still need to identify one or more co-chairs for some committees.

There was continued discussion of ways to engage all CoA members.

Legislative Breakfast

Rudy reported that plans are underway for the legislative breakfast, November 17, 2016 at Holiday Park. This popular event provides members of the Montgomery County state delegation an opportunity to tell the CoA about their priorities for the session, gives the CoA the opportunity to make presentations on our priority issues, and allows time for questions and answers and informal discussion. Priority issues for CoA presentations will be confirmed after the Annual Meeting. The PPC will take the lead in planning. All CoA members are encouraged to attend.

The November Commission meeting will be held immediately following the Legislative Breakfast on November 17 at Holiday Park.

Annual Meeting

The almost final version of the very full agenda was discussed and some adjustments made.

Tammy reported that she has not yet received responses from several Commissioners regarding their attendance or meal preferences. We will send out a reminder.

This meeting is very important, as it is the time at which the CoA develops priorities for the coming year. Odile will ask whether speakers could organize their presentations around the following points: brief overview, issues and challenges, gaps in services, how CoA can help.

We will send out the following materials prior to the meeting:

- Committee Scope descriptions
- Dental Summer Study report

- Description of how the CoA develops priorities
- List of potential priority issues identified at the recent PPC meeting.

Stakeholders Meeting

This meeting will take place early in 2017. There was discussion about having the overarching theme be Age Friendly Montgomery, with additional focus on what this means in practical terms for various groups and communities in the County.

Committee Reports

- The Public Policy Committee met on September 8, with guest Del. Kathleen Dumais. PPC is making plans for the CoA's annual Legislative Breakfast (see above).
- The Communications Committee reviewed the double page insert in the Beacon, and discussed opportunities for input into future inserts and other County communications initiatives. There was also discussion of upcoming Seniors Today programming.
- The Health and Wellness Committee sponsored the Dental Services Summer Study. Tammy reported that the report is in its final stages and will be ready for the Annual Meeting. The next meeting is October 4, 10-11:30am at the Gaithersburg Library with guest Robyn Elliott of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition.
- The Aging in Place Committee met on September 13th. AIPC discussed the Summer Study priorities of the committee in the past years and for the upcoming year, the COA Annual Meeting, the report of the Task Force on COA Committee Structure, the Age-Friendly workgroups. AIPC will meet October 11th from 9:30–11:30 am.

Stephanie reminded committee chairs that updates for the BCC quarterly report are due.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Stephanie Edelstein
Secretary